

VIRGINIA'S HOMELESS OUTCOMES INITIATIVE UPDATE

Virginia Housing Commission

September 18, 2013

Homeless Outcomes Advisory Committee

Need for a Statewide Plan & Process

- Led by Bob Sledd, Senior Economic Advisor to the Governor & Dr. Bill Hazel, Secretary of Health and Human Resources

- Membership of Committee
 - ▣ State Agencies
 - ▣ Nonprofit Agencies

Homeless Outcomes Advisory Committee:

Report and Recommendations



Commonwealth of Virginia

November 2010

Overarching Goal



Reduce Homelessness by 15% by 2013

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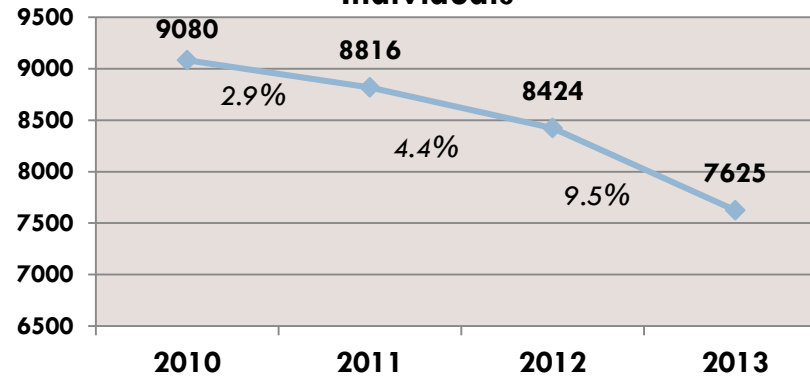
Report & Recommendations

Strategies to reduce & measure homelessness:

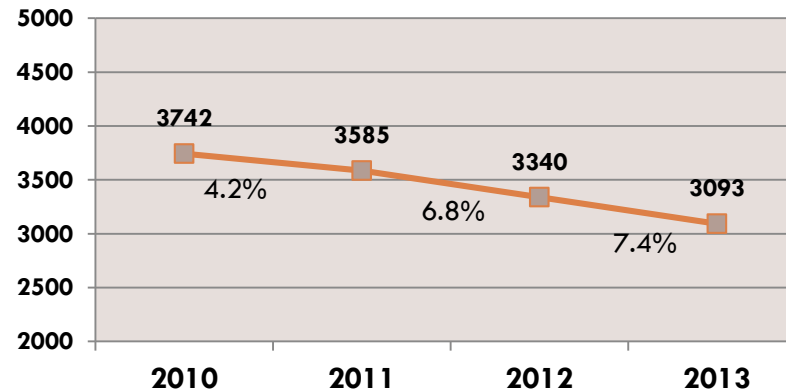
- Increase the number of permanent supportive housing units in the Commonwealth
- Increase flexibility of funding to prevent homelessness and support Rapid Re-housing for individuals and families
- Develop a statewide data collection process that provides accurate and reliable data to effectively address homelessness statewide
- Increase access to substance abuse and mental health treatment
- Improve discharge policies and procedures for foster care, hospitals, mental health facilities and correctional facilities

Homelessness in Virginia

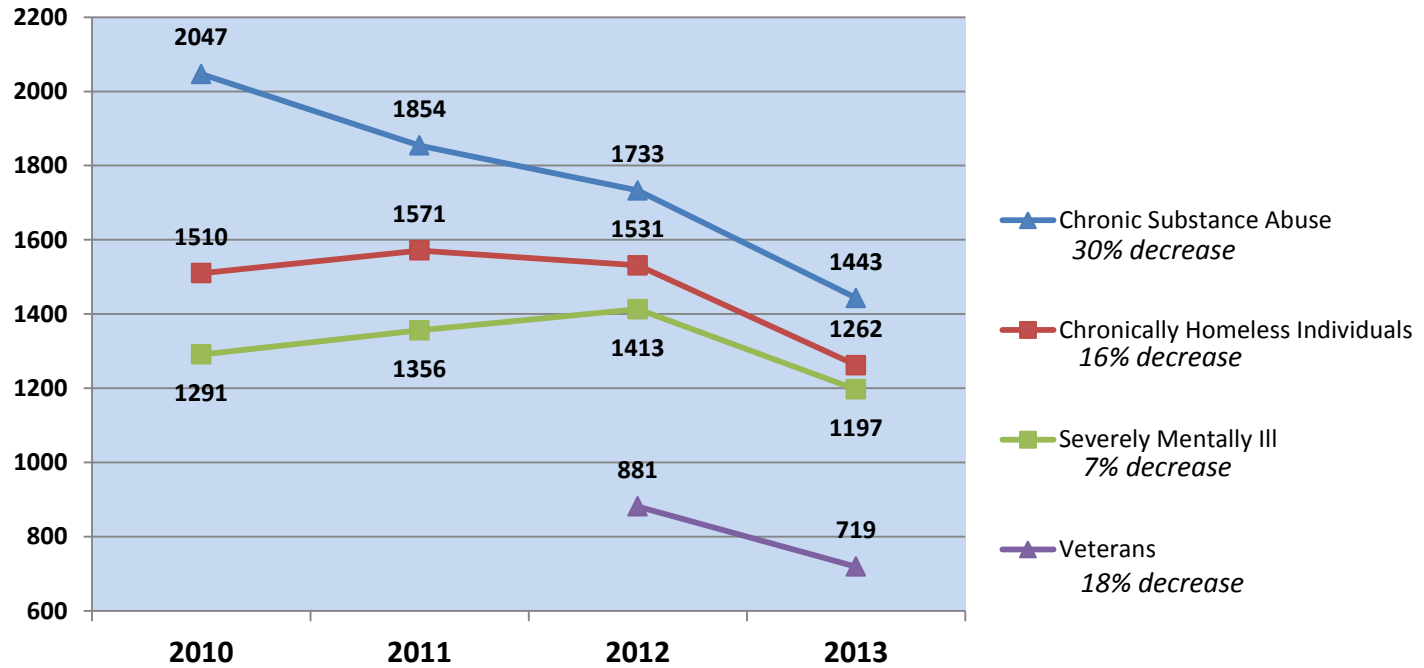
**16% Decrease in Total Homeless
Individuals**



**17% Decrease in Persons in Households
with Adults and Children**



Homelessness by Subpopulation



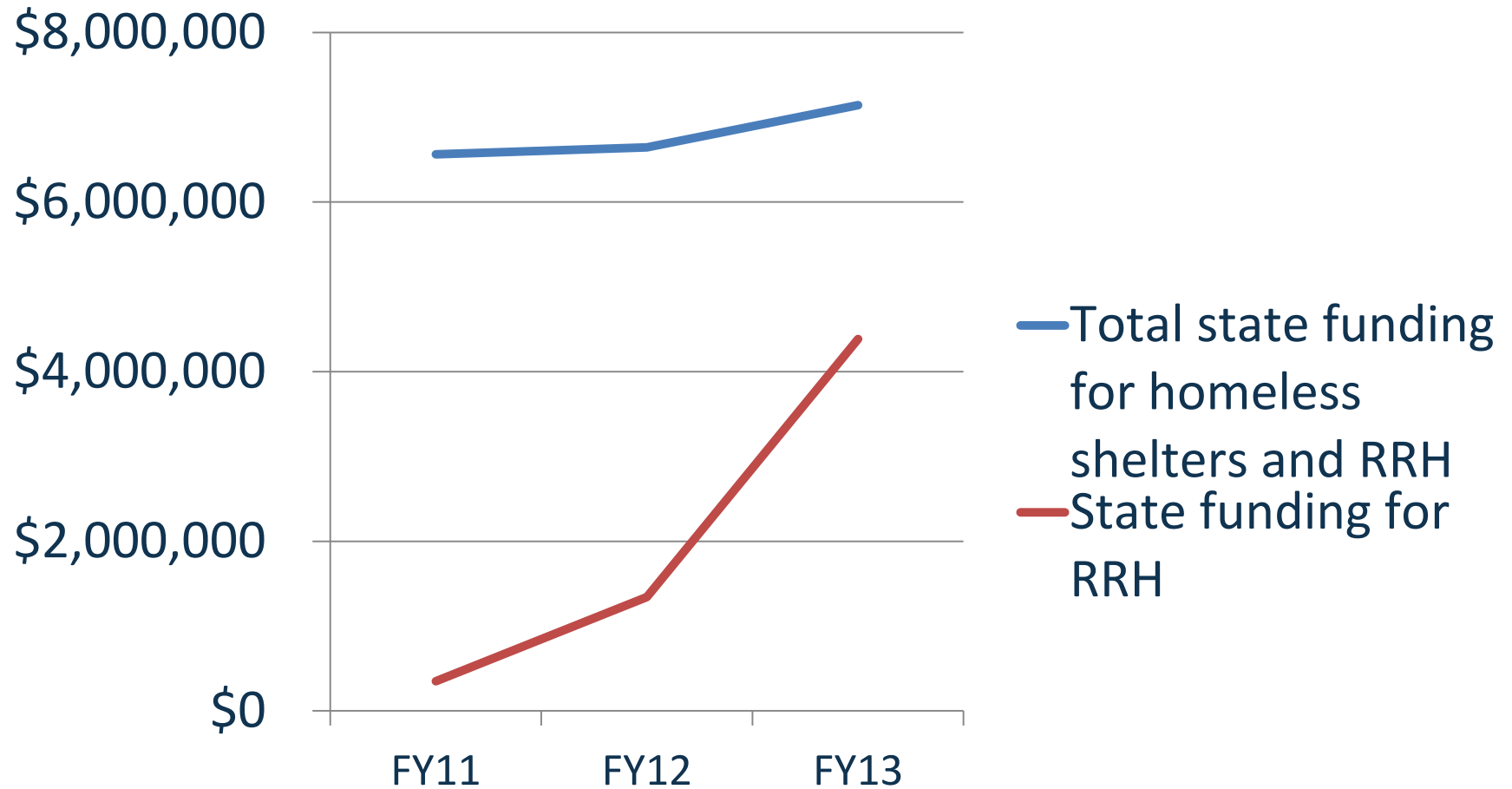
What's Made the Difference?



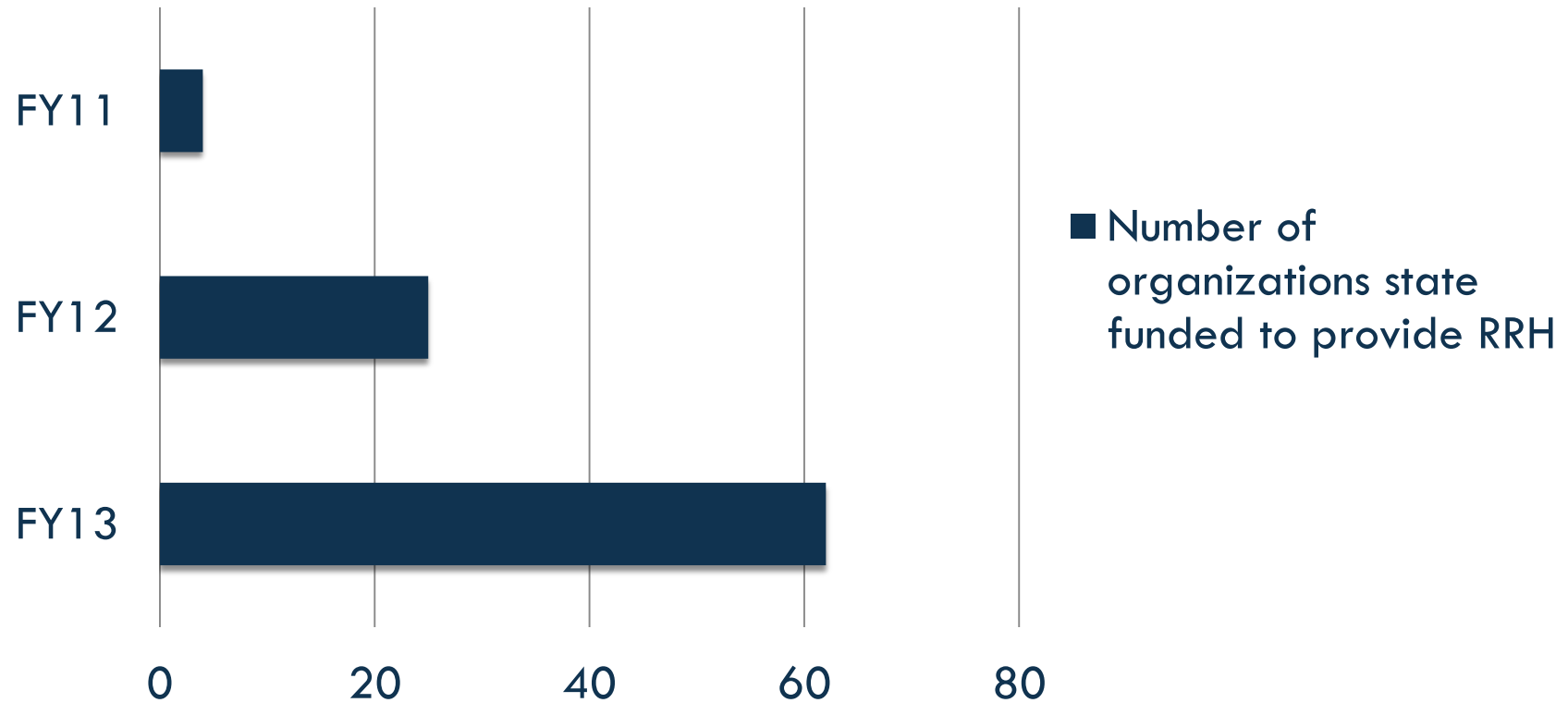
Change in Resources

- The Governor and General Assembly invested additional funds in:
 - ▣ Permanent Supportive Housing – houses those most vulnerable (substance abuse, mental health issues, disabilities, etc.)
 - ▣ Rapid Re-Housing – houses individuals much more quickly reducing costs to the community and disruption of lives of those who are experiencing homelessness

Over \$4 million in State Funding for Rapid Re-Housing



Change in Practice: Over 60 Organizations Funded to Provide Rapid Re-Housing



What gets counted, gets done.

Establishing a statewide homeless data collection process

- ▣ Prototype has been created for communities around the Commonwealth to share aggregated data with the state which is beneficial to:
 - Local and state government
 - Communities
 - Other stakeholders such as funding bodies

What's Next

□ ***Continue to focus on:***

- Increasing the number of Permanent Supportive Housing Units
- Rapidly Re-Housing individuals and families
- Strengthening the capacity of service providers to provide Rapid Re-Housing
- Identifying resources for peer recovery programs
- Developing a statewide data collection process

By the end of the year, the Homeless Outcomes Coordinating Council will publish a report on the accomplishments of our efforts during Governor McDonnell's administration and will include considerations for the next administration.

Questions & Answers

